(6) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Bill, 1997.

(7) The Rice-Milling Industry (Regulation) Repeal Bill, 1997.

(8) The Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1997.

12.34 hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

Seventh Report

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : I beg to present the Seventh Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Railways on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their First Report on 'Budgetary Support to Railways'.

12.34½ hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

Twenty-Ninth Report

[English]

DR. A.K. PATEL (Mehsana) : I beg to lay the Twenty Ninth-Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism on Shipbuilding and Shiprepair Industry in India.

MR. SPEAKER : I think, since the time is very limited, we will take up the Motion at two o'clock in order to avoid confusion.

(Interruptions)

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : The Foreign Minister of Japan is coming at two o'clock. I shall not be present at two o'clock.

MR. SPEAKER : The Prime Minister has an engagement at two o'clock with the Foreign Minister of Japan. When Shri Vajpayee starts the debate, he may not be there.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumabi – North East) : Will the Prime Minister be coming later on ?

MR. SPEAKER : He will come. The Home Minister will be here

(Interruptions)

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : What is your decision, Sir ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is all right. As soon as you are free, please come.

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : No, Sir. Why I submit it, may I clarify ? . . .*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Let there be order in the House.

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : Let me repeat what I requested.

With due respect to the hon. Leader of the Opposition, the Foreign Minister of Japan is on a visit to India. I am hosting a lunch for him just now. He is coming at 1.45 pm. It will take me about two hours. If the Leader agrees, that is, after he speaks, I would like to speak myself. Therefore, my absence will not be good when he is speaking as I cannot hear him. Therefore, I am requesting you, if you can kindly take up the discussion after about four o'clock or at 4.30 pm, whatever suits you.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to rules, we can take it up at four o'clock.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, the rule provides that actually it should be taken up at 4 o'clock unless the Speaker decides otherwise. Now, since the Prime Minister has got engagements, therefore, I think if the House agrees, we can take it up at four o'clock.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, in that case our Motion under Rule 184 should be taken up on Monday because this discussion will not be finished by six o'clock. Yesterday, you said that it may start of six o'clock . . . *(Interruptions)* Let me finish.

So, the discussion on the Motion under Rule 184 should be shifted to Monday.

MR. SPEAKER : All right, we will take it up on Monday.

Now, we will take up the discussion on the Motion moved by Shri Vajpayee at four o'clock today. I think, the Prime Minister's presence will be needed.